

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, City of Monticello, Indiana was held on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance by Water Superintendent Rod Pool.

Roll call by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting on September 15, 2008, and special meeting on September 22, 2008, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Bill Smith, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Ken Kersey gave the Mayor pictures that he would like to discuss with him later. He has concerns on the nursing home sign on N Main Street. Street Superintendent Doug Roberts will look into that matter.

Department Heads Reports

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that the new billing company came in today and he met with them. He received his first monthly report and is very happy. He is still working on the aerial truck project. The initial order has been place for the radios from the radio grant. The money that they saved at the price savings they received will enable them to expand the grant and buy some more radios.

Water Superintendent Rod Pool stated that the Council has heard all his news at the Board of Works meeting.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that they have a new K-9 dog for his department. He is a 2 year old Belgium Mow named Diesel. Officer Tony Stroup will be working with Diesel and they will be leaving for handler school for 5 weeks on October 13, 2008. They hope to have him working on the streets by mid November. Curt is working on specs for quotes for new cars for next year and carpeting quotes for the police department.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that they have been very busy laying asphalt in various parking lots, streets, and alleys in the City. He hopes to finish up on Wednesday or Thursday this week. The Mayor thanked him for his hard work and told him he has had lots of compliments on the work being done.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that he and Street Superintendent Doug Roberts replaced 250 ft of storm drain at Cooper Salvage. This should help alleviate the drainage problem at Voigt Park as far as Ohio Street. Other than that, it's business as usual.

Park Superintendent Mitch Billue thanked Joe and Doug for fixing the storm drain. Mayor Thompson also thanked Mr. Cooper for his cooperation. The Summer Science Program at the Park is going well. They will be launching bottle rockets that the kids made this Saturday on the baseball diamond. He updated the Council on the Skate Park. He has applied for two grants. They are the Tony Hawks Grant and the Northwest Solid Waste District Grant. They have also received over \$29,000.00 from the Ball Corporation over the last few years in recycling money. One of the grant requirements allows for a 50/50 Volunteer Group / City Match. He would like to see the City set an attainable amount, which will enable the skate park to receive 25% more equipment. Mr. Neil Smith expressed his support for the kids' excitement in helping to raise money to help fund the skate park. This will need to be put on the agenda at another date.

Committee Reports

Council Members Eric Storm and Grace Oilar, and Police Chief Curt Blount met with City Attorney George Loy about the nuisance ordinance. It was decided that George would tweak the nuisance ordinance and accomplish what needed addressed.

Consideration of Transfer of Funds Ordinance 2008-18

City Attorney George Loy stated that Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar asked that this ordinance be prepared. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to suspend the rules in order to pass Ordinance 2008-18, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to pass Ordinance 2008-18, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

City Attorney George Loy stated that this is something that has come up lately as a result of further financial needs with respect to the Sixth Street Corridor. The frame work has been put together by the Project Manager, Joe Grinstead. The Memorandum of Understanding will designate the City as the lead entity for combining phases 2 and 6, and bid as one project. There needs to be a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the City for INDOT purposes. Joe Grinstead is not only the Project Engineer, but also the lead contact person with INDOT. It is beneficial for the City to be the lead entity because presently there is far more Federal money for City projects then County projects. The MOU presents the fact that the City would accept the role of lead entity on everything south of 24. INDOT would look at the City for all financial support. The MOU also explains that the County would continue to fund its own portion of that, working with the City, reimbursing the City for anything they owed to INDOT on that portion of the project. INDOT also asked for the MOU stating that the City will reimburse the County for efforts involving the water mains. This issue was discussed at the Board of Works meeting. This MOU is required by INDOT in order for the City to apply for more Federal funds. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, seconded by Council member Dave Kelly. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer